AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph after the Title and before the first paragraph on page 1:

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Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The front substrate comprises: a glass substrate; display electrodes including stripe-like transparent electrodes and bus electrodes formed on a principal surface of the glass substrate; a ~~dielectric glass layer~~ dielectric layer covering the display electrodes to act as a capacitor; and a protective layer composed of MgO formed on the ~~dielectric glass layer~~ dielectric layer.

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 7 illustrates the relationship between Xe concentration in the discharge gas and the maximum increase rate of the luminous efficiency. As shown in ~~FIG. 6~~ FIG. 7, though the luminous efficiency does not increase significantly in Xe concentration of 5%, but a big increase is shown with Xe concentration of not lower than 5%, and further increase with the increase in Xe concentration. Namely, it proves that an increase in the luminous efficiency can be achieved effectively by adding H_2 content with Xe concentration of not lower than 5%.